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detecting a first physical presence proximate to or contacting the auxiliary control for a predefined period in which the auxiliary control maintains an inactive state; and

generating feedback responsive to said step of detecting, the feedback providing an indication of the functionality of the auxiliary control, said generating further including displaying a display widget on the display screen responsive to said step of detecting, wherein the display widget identifies a text macro associated with the first auxiliary control.

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18. (Amended) In a computer system including an auxiliary control and a display, a method comprising the steps of:

detecting a first physical presence proximate to or contacting a first auxiliary control for a predefined period in which the first auxiliary control maintains an inactive state;

generating feedback responsive to said step of detecting, the feedback providing an indication of the functionality of the first auxiliary control;

detecting a second physical presence proximate to or contacting a second auxiliary control different from the first auxiliary control;

generating other feedback responsive to said step of detecting the second physical presence, the other feedback indicating functionality associated with the combination of the first auxiliary control and the second auxiliary control.

19. (Amended) The method according to claim 18, wherein the first auxiliary control and the second auxiliary control correspond to separate controls on a keyboard input device.

20. (Amended) In a computer system including an auxiliary control and a display screen, a method comprising the steps of:

detecting a first physical presence proximate to or contacting a first auxiliary control; and  
displaying a first display widget on the display screen responsive to said step of detecting, the first display widget providing a tool tip associated with the first auxiliary control.

21. (Amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein the computer system has a keyboard including the first auxiliary control.

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